

# Australia's Antarctic Gateway

It all starts in  **Hobart**

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investment advantages as  
an Antarctic Gateway City



# Our Antarctic Gateway

The care and management of Antarctica has always been important to Australia because of our significant claim to territory, our leading role in the Antarctic Treaty System, its link to the world's climate future and its proximity to us.

Hobart's location as the world's southernmost city, with a working deep-water port right at our doorstep, has cemented our role as one of only five cities in the world which provides a gateway for people to visit and work in Antarctica.

Australia's international reputation as an Antarctic leader is supported by Hobart's role as a gateway city and the concentration of Antarctic activity that occurs here.

Our deep connection with Antarctica is embedded in our city's history, our buildings and waterfront, our culture and arts, our people, our workforce and our economic and climate future.

We are regarded as a leading hub of science, research and logistics supporting both Australia and other nations' Antarctic activities.

- Our Antarctic sector is supported by 950 jobs and is worth \$160 million to our local economy. Many of those working in the Antarctic sector live in and contribute to the vibrancy of our city.
- Our port (operated by TasPorts) has been home to several of Australia's Antarctic icebreakers, including Australia's state-of-the-art icebreaker the RSV Nuyina, the most advanced polar research ship in the world.
- We regularly welcome other nations' icebreakers, with each visit to our port injecting up to \$2 million into our local economy.
- Hobart's International Airport facilitates direct flights to the Antarctic for expeditioners.
- Our specialist Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) is number one for studying the Southern Ocean and Antarctica, and we rank in the top ten worldwide across various specialist fields including marine and freshwater biology, oceanography and fisheries.
- The University of Tasmania (UTAS) is also ranked number one for climate action.
- Key international organisations have headquarters in our city such as the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), who bring conferences, delegations and diplomats into the city to discuss critical issues on the protection and future management of Antarctica.
- Our sector is uniquely connected and coordinated through the Tasmanian Polar Network which includes leading businesses, institutions and government partners.

# City of Hobart supporting our Antarctic Gateway

Here at City of Hobart, we are committed to seeing our Antarctic sectors' advantages, values and strengths maximised and showcasing our Antarctic Gateway as a centre of Antarctic excellence, in science, logistics, specialised polar products, medicine, policy and international Antarctic diplomacy.

## Our role

**Acknowledge, celebrate, and leverage Hobart's position as a gateway to the Antarctic and Southern Ocean**

## How we do this?

**1. Strengthening our relationships with the sector**

**2. Supporting opportunities to increase the value of the sector**

**3. Growing our civic Antarctic Gateway identity**

**4. Showing leadership in developing future vision of the sector**

## Who we work with

The strength of our Antarctic Gateway is defined by our partnerships and the value we place on collaboration.

For City of Hobart to effectively support our Antarctic sector we work alongside all partners, including:

- Our Antarctic sector
- Australian and Tasmanian Government
- Antarctic Gateway Cities
- Greater Hobart Councils
- Hobart community